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SENATOR McDONALD: My supposition here is based on the fact that 51 percent of the business must be food-related, 49 percent alcohol, to qualify as a restaurant.

SENATOR THOMPSON: I think maybe you had to leave by the time we took that up. That is no longer part of this bill.

SENATOR McDONALD: Okay. Thank you.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Uh-huh.

SENATOR McDONALD: I would just go on to say that many times in small towns, small communities, those bar owners don't have the ability to remodel, don't have the ability to continue business if they are forced to do these sorts of things. For us to take the only cafe in town and make it no smoking, it will effect the population that really doesn't have a choice. And I would submit that every bar owner in this state has a right to make his or her establishment that now. He can choose to stop smoking. And I think that if that happens, then he bears the brunt of the criticism, not the Legislature. In my mind, I think it's better that we try not to mandate so many things for private owners that we should have no business in, and I feel this is one of those areas where there is little or no business of the Legislature in this particular field of smoking in a restaurant. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Mr. Speaker, I would move that we would adjourn until tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Items for the record?

CLERK: Mr. President, hearing notices from the Transportation Committee and the Agriculture Committee, signed by their respective chairs. Mr. President, communication from the Governor. (Read re LB 133, LB 182, LB 250, LB 269, LB 300.) Revenue Committee reports LB 91, LB 507 to General File with committee amendments. Education reports LB 759 to General File with committee amendments attached. And Appropriations and